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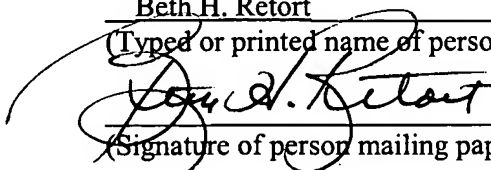
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

☐ A statement that this filing is by a small entity is hereby asserted
in accordance with the rule change effective September 8, 2000, 65 Fed. Reg.
54603.

☒ other than a small entity.

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If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136
(fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Extension (months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 460.00	\$230.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,050.00	\$525.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,640.00	\$820.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional **extension** of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

(b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	OR	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	37•	MINUS	37••	=0	X25=	\$0		X50=	\$0
INDEP.	5•	MINUS	5•••	= 0	X105=	\$0		X210=	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+185=	\$		+370=	\$0
					TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$0	OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$0

- If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "j" in Col. 3.
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WARNING "After final rejection or action (§ 1.113) amendments may be made cancelling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 CFR § 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

Complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____

FEE PAYMENT

5. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____

☐ Charge Account No. _____ the sum of \$ _____

A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

NOTE: *If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).*

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No.

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AND/OR

7. ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No.

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 24, 2007 in the above referenced application ("subject application"). Applicants respectfully request consideration of the remarks presented herein for further examination of the subject application.

A Listing of the Claims begins on Page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on Page 10 of this Response.